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Whereas devastating acts, such as the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, have left many Americans concerned about the possibility of future terrorist incidents and their potential impact;

Whereas terrorists are attempting to acquire or develop weapons of mass destruction, such as biological, chemical, nuclear, and radiological weapons;

Whereas terrorist attacks and other emergencies have, and can again, disrupt hundreds of thousands of lives, resulting in significant numbers of casualties, causing serious damage to buildings and our Nation's infrastructure, and costing billions of dollars;

Whereas the Department of Homeland Security and other Federal, State, and local entities have been working diligently to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks and other emergencies;

Whereas all Americans can assist in promoting the Nation's overall emergency preparedness by preparing themselves and their families for terrorist attacks and other emergencies;

Whereas Americans can prepare for the unexpected by, among other things, assembling an emergency supply kit, developing a family emergency communications plan, and keeping informed about possible emergencies;

Whereas additional information about citizen preparedness can be obtained through the Department of Homeland Security's Ready campaign, by telephone at 1-800-BE-READY, and on the Internet at www.Ready.gov;

Whereas the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Education, the America Prepared Campaign, the American Red Cross, and a coalition of more than 50 national organizations will launch National Preparedness Month on September 9, 2004;

Whereas all 56 State and territorial governors have pledged to mark National Preparedness Month with local events; and

Whereas the designation of National Preparedness Month will promote public awareness about the numerous ways that

Americans can better prepare themselves and our Nation for terrorist attacks and other emergencies: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) supports the goals and ideals of National
 4 Preparedness Month;

5 (2) supports the designation of National Pre-
 6 paredness Month; and

7 (3) urges the Federal Government, States, lo-
 8 calities, schools, nonprofit organizations, businesses,
 9 other entities, and the people of the United States
 10 to observe National Preparedness Month with appro-
 11 priate events and activities that promote citizen and
 12 community preparedness for terrorist attacks and
 13 other emergencies.

Passed the House of Representatives September 22,
 2004.

Attest:

Clerk.